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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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## Chamber-Folk Quartet and Americana Duo Share Valley Stage

New Conservancy Canteen to offer food options before the concert!

Brecksville, Ohio – A double bill in Cuyahoga Valley highlights instrumental prowess and tight harmonies when Tall Heights and Darlingside play Happy Days Lodge as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The group's performance is presented by the National Park Service and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, Cascade Auto Group, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

Admission is \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, \$6 students with valid student ID. And \$5 children ages 3 – 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

With four distinct voices clustered around a single microphone, Darlingside effortlessly draw audiences into their rich musical world. David Fricke of Rolling Stone describes them as "a quartet with a rich line in acoustic textures and chamber-rock dynamics." The band's sound, characterized by classical strings, tight vocal arrangements, bluegrass and rock instrumentation, and smart lyricism, is the product of complete collaboration among the four close friends. The group has no frontman. Instead, lead vocals are traded from moment to moment, and each song features a new combination of instruments and textures, pulling heavily from folk, retro-pop, barbershop, and chamber music.

Sharing the stage is Tall Heights who released their first full-length recording, *Man of Stone* in May, 2013. The 10 tracks showcase the duo's captivating vocal harmonies accompanied by folk-inspired cello and acoustic guitar. The Chicago Sun Times wrote, "…original songs feature poetic lyrics with their voices melding in delicate harmonies. Add Harrington's shimmering guitar work and Wright's edgier cello and the sound, encompassing many moods, is even more memorable."

On stage, the duo is both charming and profound. That the pair's friendship dates back to childhood is obvious from their banter and affection and the seriousness with which they regard their craft. Both have been singing and writing songs since high school and Paul is a classically trained cellist. Together they create atmosphere: lush, intimate, haunting.

The Conservancy Canteen, run by the chefs at the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park offers the opportunity to savor local flavors and fresh cuisine. Committed to high-quality ingredients from sustainable sources are thoughtfully crafted into top-notch versions of the club classics you love. Menu items will be on sale when the doors open at 7 p.m.

Happy Days Lodge is located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula 44264.

## **Other Scheduled Heritage Series Concerts**

Friday, April 17

Dala: Contemporary Folk

Friday, April 24 Comas: Celtic

Friday, May 1

Front Country: Bluegrass

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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